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FOR: Mr. Richard V. Allen
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: The President FROM: Mr. David R. Bowen

DATE: June 10, 1981 SUBJECT: Urging Reagan Administr
withhold delivery of four F-16s aircraft

WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: _____ NSC # _____ (if any)

____ THE ATTACHED ITEM WAS SENT DIRECTLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION TAKEN:

____ A draft reply is attached.

____ A draft reply will be forwarded.

____ A translation is attached.

xx An information copy of a direct reply is attached.

____ We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.

____ Other.

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Dear Mr. Bowen:

I am writing in response to your inquiry of June 10 regarding a possible violation of Public Law 90-629, as a result of Israel's June 7 attack on Iraq's nuclear reactor.

As you are probably aware, the President on June 10 suspended the immediate delivery of four F-16 aircraft to Israel. The scheduled delivery date was June 12.

Secretary of State Haig has reported to the Speaker of the House that a substantial violation of the 1952 Mutual Defense Assistance Agreement may have occurred. The Congress is currently holding hearings on the Secretary's report. You may be assured that the Administration will consult fully with Congress in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Fairbanks
Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Relations

The Honorable
David R. Bowen,
House of Representatives.

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I STRONGLY URGE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WITHHOLD DELIVERY OF THE FOUR F-16 AIRCRAFT CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR SHIPMENT TO ISRAEL IN VIEW OF THE ISRAELI ATTACK ON THE OSIRAK NUCLEAR REACTOR IN IRAQ.

AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, I ALSO FEEL THAT, IF YOU REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF THE ATTACK INDICATE THAT A VIOLATION OF P.L. 90-629 HAS OCCURRED, MUCH STERNER MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN BY THE ADMINISTRATION WITH REGARD TO FURTHER ARMS SALES TO THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

DAVID R BOWEN MEMBER OF CONGRESS